



## Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - AUGUST 3, 1988 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Mayor Cooke called to order the special called meeting of the Council, noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

Mayor Cooke announced Council would go into executive session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and for personnel matters. No final action, decision or vote by the Council will be taken on any subject or matter unless specifically listed on the agenda for this meeting.

1. Pending Litigation, Section 2, Paragraph e

a. City of Austin v. Houston Lighting & Power

### RECESS

Council recessed for executive session from 9:45 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENT RE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cooke announced no action would be taken as a result of the executive session, but that Council would go into executive session again, later in the day.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mayor Cooke announced Council would discuss their goals and objectives and said he wants Council to agree on timelines.

Councilmember Nofziger listed as his goals and objectives: the airport, convention center, decentralized utility power production, rates and how the coal plant land will be used. He wants to coordinate housing efforts. Town Lake Master Plan and Austin 150, as well as intergovernment, air quality are also his goals. He said the endangered species ordinance should be worked on as well as water quality, the Edwards Aquifer district, jobs and economy. He suggested having a State of the City banquet in January, look at minority hiring, East Austin activity, child care, roadways, Capital Metro, arts funding, music district, health care, Brackenridge Hospital, AIDS and the hiring of a new City Manager.

Councilmember Humphrey's goals are to make the enterprise zone effective, have a free trade zone, no tax raise, better economy in Austin, new and suitable businesses in Austin, recycling and composting, Civic Center in 15-18 months for groundbreaking, better airport plan, look into Capital Metro, settlement of STNP, something done about transportation on 183, Parmer Lane and Ben White, re-organization of Resource Management Department, look at Brushy Creek contract and water treatment plant #4. The DeWitty Job Center needs to be looked at and neighborhood beautification plans should be encouraged. Clean air standards, and Austin as an athletic package are two goals. We need a conservation plan with Southern Union Gas Company and also work on housing, health care, Zilker garden improvements, and an Austin music festival, plus a child care program.

Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's goals are to have a world class place to live, a city which is managed on a fiscally sound basis, and a commitment to social responsibility. She wants to reduce crime rate, upgrade the neighborhood watch program, improve water quality of Colorado River, implement a flood prevention program, adopt the AustinPlan, staff zoning presentations which include traffic flow and circulation, standardization of the board and commission process, recognition of City employees, relocation of the airport, healthy neighborhoods, first class parks, safe traffic flow and good transportation, a modular timed traffic signal program and adopt an updated, cost effective solid waste management plan. We need to continue to maintain a first class library, establish child care within the City of Austin, hire a child care coordinator, promote catastrophic health care for children and maintain Brackenridge Hospital as a public facility.

Councilmember Carl-Mitchell said there needs to be a solid waste management plan, action on a new airport, electric transmission strategies, water and wastewater strategy, progress on telecommunication, an urban watershed management plan, and adoption of an Austin Comprehensive Plan within the next year.

Councilmember Urdy wants an affirmative action plan, affordable housing, job training pursuit, economic development, airport construction, and a civic center. The East 11th Street development should be enlarged, and a comprehensive health care plan for all citizens. There is need for flood erosion controls.

Councilmember Barnstone wants good City management, more budget cuts, cutting of programs added in the past 5 or 10 years, improvement in the way the City does business, another look at the airport strategy. Capital Metro needs to be made more accountable, zoning and planning needs to be better organized, road networks need better planning and the City inventory of land needs to be looked at. The extra electricity needs to be sold, we need a Charter review and a strong Mayor form of government.

#### RECESS

Council recessed for lunch from 12 noon to 1:00 P.M.

#### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES CONTINUED

Following recess, Mayor Cooke discussed his goals and objectives with

the Council. They include selection of a permanent City Manager, a change in attitude toward city government, Council State of the City banquet, sunset review of boards and commissions, rules procedures policy for city council meetings and business, convention center, new economic development sectors, a working plan with capital financial markets, small business office, Buy Austin ordinance, cultural relations, foreign trade zone, revision to rate making process, new generation plan, water conservation, solid waste plan, air quality monitoring, bond briefings, debt reduction, examine Brackenridge, day care for city employees, metro government, federal relations, legislative goals, meetings with other political subdivisions in Austin, airport, Capital Metro, roadways, annexation, compact city, simplify development process and minority development.

**RECESS**

Council recessed this meeting at 1:30 p.m., with an announcement by Mayor Cooke that this meeting would be resumed for an executive session later in the day.

Council recessed this meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 3:22 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

When Council resumed this meeting at 3:22 p.m., Mayor Cooke announced Council would go into executive session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and for personnel matters. No final action, decision or vote by the City Council will be taken on any subject of matter unless specifically listed on the agenda for this meeting.

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**RECESS**

Council recessed for executive session from 3:20 p.m. to 3:58 p.m.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STNP**

Mayor Cooke announced Council had been in executive session concerning STNP and that Councilmember Carl-Mitchell would make a motion.

**Motion**

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, adopted a resolution approving the amendment agreement, City of Austin v. Houston Lighting and Power. (5-2 Vote, Mayor Cooke and Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

**ADJOURNMENT** - Council adjourned their meeting at 4:00 p.m.